



I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts, Culture, Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment, Animals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice, Civic Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:		

Mission: CYWA is a long-standing nonprofit serving women, children, and families in Coatesville. Our mission is to bring together individuals of diverse backgrounds and faiths to build dignity, responsibility, and self-esteem while working to eliminate poverty and improve community well-being. We provide a continuum of services including supportive and independent housing, family stabilization programs, child development support, counseling, education, and community outreach. CYWA is committed to eliminating racism, expanding access to affordable housing, strengthening parents as advocates, removing barriers to healthy family life, and supporting lifelong recovery from addiction.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): CYWA primarily serves Coatesville, Pennsylvania, and the surrounding communities within Chester County. Our programs support women, children, and families experiencing homelessness, housing instability, food insecurity, and related crises throughout the Coatesville region, including residents from neighboring municipalities who rely on CYWA as the closest accessible service provider. Because CYWA is one of the few comprehensive service hubs in the western part of the county, our impact extends across Western Chester County, with clients regularly coming from areas such as Valley Township, Caln Township, Parkesburg, Modena, and South Coatesville.

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served. (Include Chester County # &/or % served.)

CYWA serves women, children, and families experiencing homelessness, housing instability, food insecurity, and crisis-level hardship in Coatesville and Western Chester County. The population we serve is predominantly extremely low-income, with most households earning below 30% of Area Median Income, and many facing multiple barriers including trauma, unemployment, behavioral health needs, and lack of stable housing.

Our clients represent some of the most vulnerable residents in the county. According to Chester County's most recent Point-in-Time Count, 47% of individuals experiencing homelessness were members of families with children, and 30% were children under age 18—the exact population CYWA is designed to

support. Many of the families we serve arrive with limited resources, unstable living situations, and urgent safety needs.

CYWA provides a continuum of services across several programs, including the Gateway Shelter, Samara House, Family Center, Parents as Teachers home visitation, case management, permanent and supported housing, affordable rentals, and emergency food and shelter services. These programs collectively address immediate crisis needs while supporting long-term stability.

Annual Number of People Served

Across all programs, CYWA serves approximately 2,500–3,000 individuals per year, including:

- Gateway Shelter & Samara House: 60–70 women and children annually receiving emergency and transitional housing
- Family Center & Case Management: about 90 individuals families receiving advocacy, stabilization services, and housing support
- Parents as Teachers Home Visitation: 40–50 families annually
- Food Distribution Program: 50,000+ individuals receiving emergency food assistance each year
- Permanent & Supported Housing / Affordable Rentals: 10 residents supported annually

These numbers reflect both the depth and breadth of CYWA’s impact as one of the only comprehensive service hubs in Western Chester County.

Annual Budget \$1,402,060	_17 of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
_85 % of budget for program expenses	_5 # of Board Volunteers
_8 % of budget for administrative expenses	1 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
7 % of budget for fundraising expenses	5 # of Volunteer Hours

100% = total

Top 3-5 funding sources: Chester County Department of Human Services - Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Private insurance providers, United Way of Chester County, and Churches and corporate donors.

This grant proposal is for: **Direct Service Programs & General Operating** &/or Capacity Building

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contingence Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnerships, Collaborations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Merger, Closure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mission, Vision, Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Engagement & Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing, Communication
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:				

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 10,000

Proposal Summary: (a few sentences, please) CYWA is requesting \$10,000 to support essential direct services and general operations that provide safety, stability, and basic needs for women, children, and families in Coatesville and Western Chester County. Funding will strengthen the Gateway Shelter,

Samara House, Family Center, Parents as Teachers home visitation, case management, and emergency food distribution—programs that collectively serve 2,500–3,000 residents each year. This support will help CYWA maintain trauma-informed, culturally responsive services and sustain critical operations for households experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, and food instability.



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II. GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

1. Nonprofit's Overall Aims, Key Initiatives, Achievements & Distinctiveness

CYWA's aim is to support the safety, stability, and long-term well-being of women, children, and families in Coatesville and Western Chester County. We provide trauma-informed services that address homelessness, food insecurity, family instability, and barriers to self-sufficiency.

Our key initiatives include the Gateway Shelter, Samara House transitional housing, the Family Center, Parents as Teachers home visitation, case management, permanent and supported housing, affordable rentals, and a high-volume food distribution program. Together, these programs serve 2,500–3,000 individuals each year.

CYWA is distinct in its deep community roots, rapid response to emerging needs, and integrated service model housed in a historic facility that has supported generations of families. As one of the only multi-service hubs in Western Chester County, CYWA remains a trusted and essential resource for households experiencing crisis.

2. Funding Request

Specific Needs & Issues Being Addressed

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Why It Is Important to Fund This Now

Demand for CYWA's services continues to rise as more families face economic hardship, unstable housing, and food insecurity. As one of the only multi-service hubs in Western Chester County, CYWA must maintain consistent staffing, program operations, and trauma-informed support to meet urgent community needs. Operational funding ensures that families in crisis can access safe shelter, food, stabilization services, and long-term support without interruption.

How Results & Impact Will Be Demonstrated

CYWA tracks outcomes through service utilization data, case management progress, housing stability measures, family goal plans, and food distribution records. Impact will be demonstrated through the number of individuals served, improvements in housing stability, increased family functioning, and reduced food insecurity among households receiving support.

Capacity Building (If Applicable)

How This Capacity Building Initiative Will Impact CYWA

Capacity-building support will strengthen CYWA's infrastructure, improve service coordination, and enhance our ability to meet the growing needs of families experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Investments in planning, systems, or facility improvements will increase organizational efficiency and long-term sustainability.

How This Impact Will Be Demonstrated

CYWA will measure improvements in operational efficiency, program coordination, staff capacity, and service delivery outcomes. Indicators may include reduced service delays, improved client tracking, stronger cross-program communication, and increased ability to manage higher service volumes.

Expected Activities, Timeline & Costs

Activities may include organizational planning, facility assessments, technology upgrades, or consultant-supported improvements.

Timeline: 6–12 months depending on scope **Costs:** Based on consultant proposals, facility needs, or system upgrades **Consultants:** CYWA will engage professionals with expertise in nonprofit operations, strategic planning, or facility management, as needed.